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SGT HASAN AKBAR MOTION HEARING; PFC LYNNDIE ENGLAND ARTICLE 32 HEARING SET FOR WEEK OF AUG. 2

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – The cases of the United States vs. Sgt. Hasan Akbar and Pfc. Lynndie England will begin the week of Aug. 2 at Fort Bragg.

The one-day motion hearing for Akbar is scheduled for 9 a.m. Aug. 2. The Article 32 Hearing for England is set for 9 a.m. Aug. 3 and is anticipated to last throughout the week.

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Editor's Notes / Media Access Information:

- 1. Media organizations desiring to cover both the Sgt. Hasan Akbar motion hearing and the Pfc. Lynndie England Article 32 investigation hearing must call the XVIII Airborne Corps Public Affairs Office at (910) 396-5600 / 5620 not later than noon on Friday, July 30, 2004. Please provide the following information when you call:
 - a. Name of the organization
 - b. Number of personnel attending
 - c. Names of personnel attending
 - d. Is your organization bringing a live truck, if so, what size (van, large truck, trailer)
 - e. If you're covering one or both hearings
- 2. Media should meet at the Fairgrounds across from Stryker Golf Course at 7 a.m., both Aug. 2 and Aug. 3, to receive a ground rules briefing. DO NOT park at Stryker Golf Course. Media who are not driving live trucks will be transported via government vehicle. No privately owned or company vehicles will be allowed on post, except for live trucks. Media live trucks will remain in a designated area for the duration of coverage of the hearing.

- 3. A gate run will be conducted daily between 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. to swap out news crews. If you decide to drive your live truck off post during this run, you will NOT be allowed to bring it back onto post. Public Affairs will provide transportation to swap news crews only.
- 4. A security sweep of equipment will take place at the fairgrounds. Media will be credentialed at the site. You must have a photo ID from your news organization and another picture ID. Media will be allowed to view the proceedings via closed-circuit TV. A filing room with phones and fax machine will be made available to the media in a room adjacent to the observation room. No recording devices will be allowed in the observation room.